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BRIDGE UPGRADES COMPLETE OVER MOUNT EMU CREEK

The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are delivering safer and stronger infrastructure in south-west Victoria, with upgrades to the Mount Emu Creek Bridge at Panmure now complete.

Upgrades to the bridge include reinforced structures, ensuring strength and durability to continue meeting the demands of traffic volumes and modern freight vehicles travelling along the highway.

The Mount Emu Creek Bridge is located about 30 metres east of Billet Street in Panmure and was built in 1959.

The completion of modern upgrades to the bridge brings about improved road safety for drivers, providing them with better connections to jobs and services, and goods.

The Princes Highway serves as a major transport link through south-west Victoria and connects major regional centres with regional industries.

Further projects have been planned and completed as part of the corridor upgrades, including bridge works in Dennington, Weerite and Allansford and the installation of overtaking lanes at Terang, Tyrenderra and Yambuk.

The project was funded with a \$2.49 million investment from the Federal Government and \$515,000 from the Victorian Government.

These projects ensure a more connected route that is more resilient to change and population growth while also boosting the local economy.

Quote attributable to Federal Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, Kristy McBain MP:

“This upgrade is about keeping regional Victorians safe and connected, while ensuring our transport infrastructure can support local jobs, freight and growing communities now and into the future.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne:

“Our investment into upgrading the bridge reinforces our commitment to future-proofing existing infrastructure to meet to growing needs of the region.”

Quote attributable to Federal Senator for Victoria, Raff Ciccone :

“With the completion of the Mount Emu Creek Bridge upgrades, we’re strengthening connections across the south west, enabling safer journeys and supporting local economic routes.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Western Victoria Region, Jacinta Ermacora:

“Completing these upgrades means locals and freight operators can travel with greater confidence, knowing this important link on the Princes Highway is safer, stronger and built to support south-west Victoria’s future.”

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